

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification on page 2, paragraph 3:

The present invention provides, amongst other advantages, a handpiece for flexible shaft machines with a shrouded/guarded adjustable 3-jaw key type chuck having an effective capacity up to 6.35 mm [of 0-6.35 mm]. Furthermore, the present invention provides a handpiece that is able to accept all standard shank sizes from at least 1/16"/ 1.6 mm to 1/4"/6.35mm, which greatly increases the utility of the handpiece over the prior art.

Please amend the specification on page 4, paragraph 2:

Located on the first end 12 of the handpiece 10 is a chuck 16 which is rotatable connected to the interior wall portion of the shrouded wall 18. In the exemplary embodiment, the chuck 16 protrudes out of the shrouded wall 18. In the exemplary embodiment, the chuck 16 protrudes out of the shrouded wall 18 so that the jaws 20 of the chuck 16 are exposed and may be accessed by the user. However, it should be appreciated the other embodiments may be used, for example, wherein the chuck is covered by the shroud/guard except the open portion where the jaws are exposed. In the exemplary embodiment, the chuck is a three-jaw chuck which is able to secure a bit (not shown) to the handpiece. As known to one skilled in the art, the chuck includes an opening 22 which is able to receive a key 24 (as shown in Fig. 3). The key may be rotated clockwise or counter-clockwise to open or close the jaws of the chuck and to secure the jaws around bits having various size diameters. In the exemplary embodiment,

the 3-jaw chuck has up to 6.35 mm capacity [a 0 to ¼ inch capacity]. [In another embodiment, the chuck jaws may be adjusted by a chuck key and the chuck has an effective capacity of about 5 mm to above.]